

area. These contributions include scholarships to local schools and community colleges, donations to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Relief, and direct contributions to countless community organizations we know and love.

Diane and all of Team Honeycutt are deserving of this award and I couldn't be more proud of the example they set for our county and beyond.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Diane Honeycutt and all of Team Honeycutt on receiving the 2019 Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Business of the Year Award.

REMEMBERING NORMAN "COACH"
POLLOM FOR HIS COMPASSION
AND LEADERSHIP

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the late Norman Pollom, a constituent

of mine who led a full and inspiring life defined by his compassion for others.

As a young man, Mr. Pollom served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After returning to civilian life, he brought his leadership to the football field, where he had a long and successful career.

Mr. Pollom was a member of the University of Washington Huskies' Rose Bowl-winning team in 1960. He went on to have a decorated career as a college coach and NFL scout, helping to build a Los Angeles Rams team that won seven straight Western Division Championships. He later moved to the Buffalo Bills, helping to draft Hall of Famers Jim Kelly, Bruce Smith, and Andre Reed. Mr. Pollom is widely regarded as one of the best NFL scouts of all time.

While Mr. Pollom's professional accomplishments were impressive, his conduct off the field deserves the highest praise. After his son passed away from cancer, Mr. Pollom established the Mike Pollom Scholarship Foundation in his memory. His foundation helped students from underrepresented and underprivileged backgrounds go to college and pursue their dreams. Many students' lives have been

forever changed by his kindness and generosity.

While I did not know Mr. Pollom personally, those who did remember a man who always saw the best in people and encouraged others to follow their dreams. His charm and contagious laughter helped brighten every room he was in. As a veteran, a coach, and a good Samaritan, Mr. Pollom exemplified the spirit of service and empathy that make our nation great.

Mr. Pollom died as he lived: eating a burger, drinking scotch, and watching the Alabama-Clemson National Championship. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Bonnie, and their three daughters, two stepsons, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. His legacy will live on in their hearts, and in the memories of the many friends and neighbors whose lives he touched.